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Amendment

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Offered by:

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"AN ACT PROVIDING A SAFE HARBOR FOR EXPLOITED CHILDREN."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) A person is guilty of
4 failure to report the murder of a child when such person (1) witnesses
5 what the person knows or reasonably should know is the murder of a
6 child by another person, (2) knows or reasonably should know that the
7 child is under sixteen years of age, and (3) does not, as soon as
8 reasonably practicable, report the crime to a law enforcement official.

9 (b) In any prosecution for an offense under this section, it shall be an
10 affirmative defense that the defendant did not, as soon as reasonably
11 practicable, report the crime because the defendant reasonably
12 believed that (1) doing so would have exposed the defendant or
13 another person to a substantial risk of physical injury, or (2) another
14 person had already reported the crime to a law enforcement official, or
15 (3) another person was already providing effective assistance.

16 (c) Failure to report the murder of a child is a class A misdemeanor."